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THE HON. SRIMATHI LOURDHAMMAL SIMON : (a) No, Sir.

(b) & (c) Does not arise.

SRI T. PURUSHOTHAM : Will the Government have this matter examined as this bridge is on an inter-district road connecting Chingleput and North Arcot districts? For want of this bridge, great inconvenience is caused to the public.

THE HON. SRIMATHI LOURDHAMMAL SIMON : Once in five or six years high floods occur. At present there is no programme with the Government to have any bridge there. Though it is an inter-district road connecting the North Arcot district with Chingleput, it is really maintained by the North Arcot District Board and we hope that they will maintain that road in proper condition.

SRI T. PURUSHOTHAM : As there is a provision of Rs. 17 lakhs in the Budget this year for upgrading such roads by taking them over from the District Boards, will the Government have this matter examined further?

THE HON. SRIMATHI LOURDHAMMAL SIMON : This road is not taken into consideration at present and it is not included in the Budget for the coming year. It will be considered if it is necessary.

MR. CHAIRMAN : Questions are over.

**[*Note.*—An asterisk (*) at the commencement of a speech indicates revision by the Member.]**

## II.—ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE HON. CHAIRMAN *RE* MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR.

MR. CHAIRMAN : I have to announce to the House that I have received the following message, dated 12th February 1958, from the Governor of Madras :—

" In pursuance of Article 207, clause (3), of the Constitution of India, I, Bishnuram Medhi, Governor of Madras, hereby recommend to the Madras Legislative Council, the consideration of the Madras Maternity Benefit (Amendment) Bill, 1958 ".

## III.—GOVERNMENT MOTION.

### MOTION UNDER RULE 23 (1) OF THE MADRAS COUNCIL RULES *re* TRANSACTION OF GOVERNMENT BUSINESS ON A NON-OFFICIAL DAY.

THE HON. SRI R. VENKATARAMAN : Mr. Chairman, Sir, I beg to move— 3-40 p.m.

" That rule 23 (1) of the Madras Council Rules be suspended and this House do resolve to transact Government Business on Saturday, the 8th March 1958 ".